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9. (New) A closure according to claim 3, wherein the upstanding rim (40) is arranged substantially parallel to the central axis of the closure and the sealing flange (31) is arranged at an acute angle to the upstanding rim (40), so that the sealing flange (31) cams the upstanding rim (40) inwardly as it contacts the neck (1) of the container.

10. (New) A closure according to claim 5, wherein the upstanding rim (40) is arranged substantially parallel to the central axis of the closure and the sealing flange (31) is arranged at an acute angle to the upstanding rim (40), so that the sealing flange (31) cams the upstanding rim (40) inwardly as it contacts the neck (1) of the container.

REMARKS

Commensurate with the filing of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to introduce this amendment in order that the proper headings are inserted, all multiple dependent claims cancelled and both the government filing fee and examination are based upon the claims of record after the introduction of the present amendment.

The claims of record for prosecution of the United States national phase are claims 1 through 6. The present amendment herewith cancels the multiple dependent claims and adds new claims 7 through 10 to cover the cancelled subject matter by way of the dependency thereof from claims 3 and 5.

Upon entry of this amendment, favorable consideration on the merits of the claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Marked-up Claims

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MARKED-UP CLAIMS

Claim 3, amended as follows:

3. (Amended) A closure according to claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the sealing flange further comprises a spacer (42), arranged between the opposed surfaces of the sealing flange (31) and the closure, the spacer (42) arranged to prevent the upstanding rim (40) from folding completely flat.

Claim 5, amended as follows:

5. (Amended) A closure according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the upstanding rim (40) is arranged substantially parallel to the central axis of the closure and the sealing flange (31) is arranged at an acute angle to the upstanding rim (40), so that the sealing flange (31) cams the upstanding rim (40) inwardly as it contacts the neck (1) of the container.